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P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 First Named Inventor: Foltz, William E. Application No:: 10/014736 Group Art Unit: 1651 Filed: December 11, 2001 Examiner: Ralph J. Gitomer STERILIZATION INDICATOR WITH CHEMICALLY STABILIZED ENZYME Title: This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114 Previously submitted JUL 2 3 2004 Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on i. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. Other iii.  $\boxtimes$ Enclosed Amendment/Reply i. ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS iii. iv. Other 2. A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.) The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to: Deposit Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this letter for fees processing is enclosed. RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) Other Respectfully submitted, Daniel R. Pastirik, Reg. No.: 33,025 Telephone No.: (651) 737-2685 Office of Intellectual Property Counsel 3M Innovative Properties Company Facsimile No.: (651) 736-3833 Certificate of Mailing or Transmission I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated below:

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